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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ANGOLAN AIRLIFT

1. FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY EMBASSY WAS NOT INFORMED OF INTENTION TO USE ZAIRE AS REFUELING STOP FOR ANGOLAN REFUGEE AIRLIFT. GOZ HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE DESPITE ABRUPT MANNER IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS CRITICAL FUEL SHORTAGE. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE NECESSARY VISAS, LODGING AND FUEL FOR CHARTER AIRLINES.

2. GOZ COOPERATION CANNOT CONTINUE. AS ALREADY NOTED AND AMPLIFIED IN KINSHASA 7887 AND 8067, GOZ HAS CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF POL WHICH IS BEING PUT TO TEST BY FUEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AIRLIFT. IN FACT, MANAGER OF PETRO-ZAIRE HAS TOLD US CHARTER FLIGHTS WOULD CONSUME ALL OF AIR ZAIRE'S FUEL AND AS OF TODAY HE HAS THUS REFUSED ANY SUBSEQUENT REFUELING UNLESS REPLACEMENT PROVISIONS ARE MADE. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT PETRO-ZAIRE, WITH ASSURANCE THAT FOREIGN EXCHANGE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ABROAD, CAN GET THE CENTRAL BANK TO SECURE IMPORT LICENSE FOR POL--WHICH IN TURN WOULD PERMIT PETRO-ZAIRE TO RELEASE FUEL FROM MINIMUM

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SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR REPLENISHING SCHEDULED AIRLINES. BUT IN

THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS WOULD TAKE DAYS TO ARRANGE.

3. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE HAVE NOT, TO OUR
KNOWLEDGE, REPLIED TO MOBUTU'S PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE REFUGEES HERE
IN ZAIRE AND THAT FIRST U.S. MOVE HE HAS SEEN HAS BEEN COMMENCEMENT,
WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO HIM, OF AIRLIFT WITH REFUELING IN
KINSHASA. WHAT SHOULD WE SAY TO HIM AT THIS POINT?

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